के व्यक्तियों को आवंटित की जाने वाली गैस एजेंसियों और पेट्रोलपम्पों की संख्या कितनी है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी. शंकरानन्द): (क) और (ख)

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एलपीजी डिस्ट्रीब्यूटर शिप	11		2
बुदरा बिक्री केंद्र	45		9

अल्पसंख्यकों के लिए कोई आरक्षण नहीं है

(ग) डीलर शिप डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिप के आबंटन के पूर्व की जाने वाली विभिन्न कार्यवाहियों को देखते हुए, यह कहना संभव नहीं है कि चालू वर्ष के दौरान कितने आबंटन कर दिये जाएंगे ।

Utilising the flared up gas

1045. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS: SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum and value of gas being flared daily in India; and

(b) whether Government intend to invite private or public sector investment companies or foreign capital to tap the natural gas resources which are being flared in a big way?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND); (a) and *W* About 11 million cu. m. per day of natural gas is being currently flared in the country. The value of the gas being flared is about Rs. 560 crores per annum at the current prices. Projects are on to make use of the flared gas.

तेल उत्पादक देशों के साथ बातचीत

1046 **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह:** क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार तेल मूल्यों में संशोधन करने और उनमें छूट प्राप्त करने के लिए तेल उत्पादक देशों के बात-चीत शुरू करने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी. शंकरानन्द): (क) जी, नहीं । (ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Irapor of crude oil hrough Hindujas

1047. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI; DR. BAPU KALDATE;

Will the Minister tf PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Illustrated Weekly dated the 15th June, 22nd June 1991 regarding supply of Crude Oil to India by Iran through Hindu-jajs;

(b) if so, how, much crude oil was supplied to India under this deal and whether it was on credit or cash basis and the price pad per barrel; and

(c) what is the present position of the production and stock of crude oil and how much would be imported during the current financial year and at what cost?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS . (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) Indian Oil Corporation has a direct term contract with the National Oil Company of Iran for supply of crude oil. These term contracts are on prin-

cipal to principal basis. Apart from term contracts Indian Oil Corporation also purchases crude oil and petroleum products on spot by inviting tenders. Since April, 1991 most of the purchases on spot are being made on credit basis.

Recovery of dues from State Electricity Board

1048. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted an arbitration committee to recover the outstanding dues from the State Electricity Boards;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what are the outstanding dues as on 1st January, 1991 State-wise; and

(d) what are the chances of recovery with most of the State Electricity Boards incurring losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) State-wise details of the outstanding dues payable to the National Thermal Power Corporation National Hydro-electric Power Corporation, North Eastern Electric Power Corporation and the Damodar Valley Corporation as on 1st January, 1991 are given in the statements I to IV.

(d) The State Governments concerned are being persuaded by the Government of India to clear the dues payable to the above Corporations.

Statement-l

Statewise outstanding dues of National Thermal Power Corporation as on 1st January, 1991,

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Name of the States/ Union Territory	(utstanding > on 1-1991
Uttar Pradesh	36,637
Rajasthan	12,800
Delhi	3,390
punjab	442
Haryana	7,713
Himachal Pradesh .	559
Jammu & Kashmir	1,750
Chandigarh	88
Madhya Pradesh	12,075
Maharashtra	4,807
Gujarat	5,556
Andhra Pradesh	1,118
Karnataka	4,247
Tamil Nadu*	5,229
Kerala	1,664
West Bengal	4,294
Bihar	11,447
Orissa	1,047
Sikkim	9
TOTAL	1,14,872

*Includes Pondicherry arrears Rs. 80 Lakhs.